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Smallpox in St. Louis, Mo.

ST. LOUIS, MO., May 22, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to state that there has been 1 new case of smallpox and 1 death reported in this city during the week ended May 20, 1900.

Respectfully,

WM. G. STIMPSON,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., In Command.

NEW MEXICO.

Smallpox among miners at Capitan.

MARINE-HOSPITAL SANITARIUM,
Fort Stanton, N. Mex., May 21, 1900.

SIR: I visited El Capitan to-day and saw some of the smallpox cases with Dr. Gillett, the mine surgeon, who is conducting the quarantine.

There have been 11 cases to date, with 4 suspects under observation. There have been a great many exposures. The mining company is having a great many vaccinations made and the number has reached 225.

About fourteen days ago Dr. Gillett discovered the first case. His diagnosis was doubted by 2 other physicians. He called in Assistant Surgeon Ramus and the president of the Territorial board of health, Dr. Bryan, and both confirmed his diagnosis. The cases are now coming down quite rapidly and there will probably be several more.

As a case develops it is moved to the smallpox camp, which is 1½ miles out. These patients are closely guarded and the little camp is managed quite well. There is no attempt at other measures. I notified the health officer of El Paso by wire, as several miners had left El Capitan. One patient with a mild form went to Roswell and I wired the health officer there, giving a description of the man.

Respectfully,

J. O. COBB,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Quarantine of vessels from Rio de Janeiro at New York, N. Y.

QUARANTINE, L. I., May 23, 1900.

Sir: I inclose extract from bill of health on steamship *Coleridge* which arrived here on May 6, and also extract of bill of health on steamship *Hevelius* which arrived this morning. As you will see, the bill of health on steamship *Coleridge* declares that no bubonic plague exists in Rio de Janeiro. As I understand it, this vessel left two days after the steamship *Corsica* which is now held at New Orleans, and so far as bubonic plague is concerned its bill of health must also have been clean. When we consider that these vessels are loaded in the open bay a mile or more from land, it is hard to understand why they should be subjected to the stringent regulations now in force at New Orleans.

As you will see by the bill of health of the *Hevelius*, 4 cases of plague existed on May 2. I am informed by the surgeon of this vessel, Dr. Williams, that Dr. Havelburg did not consider the outbreak as serious and that the health authorities have taken every precaution to the extent of burning down the houses where the cases were found. I consider that the loading of these vessels in the open bay, some distance from land, practically eliminates the danger of rat infection—certainly at the period that these vessels departed from Rio de Janeiro, as but 4